

SAVVA Technical Tip 128 – Cleaning brass

It's New Year resolution time and I've given up committing to trying to get thin or rich so I had to find an alternative. The alternative turned out to be to clean a couple of carriage clocks I have owned for years and have never cleaned them, so out came the Brasso and Autosol.

They say you're never too old to learn – well, I was reminded of this when halfway through this boring laborious task when a friend arrived, looked at what I was doing and said with a straight face, why don't you use tomato sauce? I explained that it was a clock not a hamburger. However, he was adamant about the use of tomato sauce to clean brass. Maybe he's right and I'm the only one who hasn't heard of this. However, in case there are other ignoramuses amongst us, I thought I would share this with you.

Off I went to the fridge and armed with a bottle of tomato sauce smeared the object de art with the sauce. I left it for a while then washed it off and Walla I had clean clock. A wipe over with Autosol and I had a stunning result with the minimum of effort.

When I think of the hours I have spent cleaning brass radiators etc. I could have saved so much time and effort.

The attached photo illustrates what a simple application did - a before and after. A quick rub over with Autosol and it was brilliant.

